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Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for your comments on behalf of the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation concerning the 2007 Farm Bill. We appreciate your sharing your insights and recommendations with us on this important legislation.

Farm Bill issues are and will continue to be a major focus of the Department of Agriculture, and it is good to have the benefit of your thoughts in this regard. I assure you that the ideas you have expressed will be given full consideration as the Department develops its proposals for the bill.

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your views.

Sincerely,

Mike Johanns

Secretary